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1. A communications system, comprising:

a server system that stores software applications;

a broadcast system that broadcasts the software applications; and

a multiplicity of portable clients that each include a receiver having a tuner that is selectively tunable to receive a selected one of the software applications broadcasted by the broadcast system,

wherein the server system includes a processor for enabling users to access a menu of the software applications for selection, and enabling billing users a fee for receiving a selected one of the software applications.

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21. A portable data communications device, comprising:

a receiver that includes a tuner that is selectively tunable to receive a selected one of a plurality of software applications broadcasted by a broadcast system;

a user-interface that enables a user to select one of the broadcasted software applications from a menu for downloading;

a processor for executing the downloaded software application and receiving an associated billing charge for receiving the selected one of the software applications.

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31. (New) A method of doing business comprising: